(*d*) The tariff value was raised from Bh. Rs. 8 to Bh. Rs. 20 per cwt. with effect from the 1st Karkatakam 1097. The revision has not affected the export trade and this fact shows that the manufacture concerned has also not been affected.

Widening the banks of Channels.

383. **MR. V. CHELLAM PILLAI** (*Tovala*): Will the Government be be pleased to state whether they will take up the question of widening the banks of channels at an early date so as to make them fit for cart traffic?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The matter is engaging the attention of the Government.

Need for a Cross road from Tadikarankonam.

384. **MR. V. CHELLAM PILLAI** (*Tovala*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the shortest distance from Tadikarankonam to Arumanallur and Viravanallur in South Travancore; and

(*b*) the shortest distance by road in the eastern direction and by that in the western direction from the abovesaid place to the abovementioned villages?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The shortest distance from Tadikarankonam to Arumanallur is 3/4 mile and from Tadikarankonam to Viravanallur 1 mile.

(*b*) The shortest distance by road from Tadikarankonam to Viravanallur along the eastern direction is 6 1/2 miles and to Arumanallur 7 1/2 miles and along the western direction 7 and 6 miles respectively.

Cocoanut Farm in Vaikam.

385. **MR. MATTHEW MURIKKAN** (*Vaikam*): Will the Government be pleased to state;

(*a*) whether the Cocoanut Farm in Vaikam is experimental or demonstrative;

(*b*) if experimental, what experiments are being conducted;

(*c*) if demonstrative, what aspects of cocoanut cultivation are being demonstrated;

(*d*) the age of the plants in the Farm; and

(*e*) the expenditure incurred by the Government every year for maintaining the Farm?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The Cocoanut Farm at Vaikam is a demonstration farm.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

(*c*) What is demonstrated there is the method of improving old and young cocoanut trees by scientific manuring and cultural operations.

(*d*) The age of the trees ranges from 3 to 70 years.

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